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Sri T. V. Thimme Gowda continued to be *Ex-officio* Director of Literary and Cultural Development throughout the year under report.

Dr. N. S. Anantharangachar continued to work as Deputy Director of Literary Cultural Development during the year.

Publication of popular literature, making recommendations to Government in respect of grant of subventions to authors/associations for the publication of their books, organisation of cultural programmes including Kavi Sammelanas and undertaking of special projects such as compilation of "Who is Who in freedom struggle in Karnataka" etc. are the normal functions of the Literary and Cultural Development Unit office.

1. *Publications*

(*a*) *Publication of Kannada -Kannada Dictionary*:—This monumental work has been undertaken under the auspices of the Kannada Sahitya Parishat. A grant of Rs. 2. 5 lakhs had been sanctioned for this work during the year under report. The I Volume of this dictionary was published and the publication of the I fascicule of the II Volume and printing of 96 pages of the II fascicule were completed.

(*b*) *Kannada Viswakosha*:—Four volumes of the Kannada Viswakosha were released during the years under report. An amount of Rs. 2.5 lakhs was released for this purpose to the University of Mysore to whom this project had been transferred.

(*c*) *Kumaravyasa Bharatha*:—An amount of Rs. 56, 250 was released to the University of Mysore as subsidy towards the printing of this publication copies of which are to be sold at subsidised rates.

2 *Subventions to Authors*

During the year under report, the Department extended as in previous years, the benefit of financial assistance to authors/associations for publication of valuable books in Kannada. A total amount of Rs. 74, 750 was granted as financial assistance to the following authors in respect of the books shown against each:

Sl. No. 1	Name of the Author 2	Name of Book 3	Amount granted. 4
	Shriyuths:—		Rs. P.
1	Sampath Iyengar	'Samskrita Literature'	2, 000-00
2	C. Y. Kavali, Suratkal, S. K.	'Sri. Harsha Nataka Traya'	1, 000-00
3	Ganapaiah Shetty (S. K.)	'Vali Samharam'	300-00

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			Rs. P.
4	Krishna Dixit, Bangalore.	'Puranada Kathegalu'	1,000-00
5	G. Vishnu Murthy Bhatta, Mysore.	'Nyaya Siddhantha Muktavali'	1,500-00
6	Pandit Seethamma Bailay, Bangalore.	'Kamala Nehru'	400-00
7	V. S. Narayana Rao, Bangalore.	'Bharatha Samvidhana'	750-00
8	N. R. Hiremath, Bangalore.	'Vinashigala Mele Manavana Vijaya'	2,000-00
9	Mathigatta Krishna Murthy, Guttahalli, Bangalore.	'Grihini Geethagalu'	1,000-00
10	Vineet Ramachandra Rao, Dharwar.	'Rasamanjari and 'Dharma Deepa'	2,500-00
11	N. D. Bagari, State Librarian, Bangalore.	'Sameeksha'	2,000-00
12	Pandarinathacharya Galagali, Gadag.	'Vishnu Purana' 'Varaha Purana'; 'Vamana Purana'	60,000-00
		Total	74,750-00

Subventions amounting to a total of Rs. 36, 500 were also paid during the year to 32 authors for the publication of their books.

3 *Cultural Programmes.*

(*a*) *Training of teachers in reading and recitation* :—The scheme of training of primary school teachers in the reading and recitation of prose and poetry was conducted in Bangalore for 30 days in the month of November. Two teachers from each District were selected for this training. An intensive training in the art and technique of reading Kannada prose and verse was given to the teachers by specialists. They were given training in Music and Gamaka also. A good grounding in the History of Kannada literature and Kannada Prosody was also given. An amount of Rs. 7,145 was spent on this course during the year under report.

(*b*) *State Level Competitions in Kavya Vachana, Debates, Essay Writing* :—A State level competition for students of High Schools and Colleges in Kannada Kavya Vachana, Debates, Kannada Essay Competitions, the first of their kind in the State, were held in Bangalore from 10th to 13th December 1971, at the Kannada Sahitya Parishat and 200 students from all the Districts in the State participated. Three cash prizes of Rs. 100, Rs. 80 and Rs. 60 were awarded to the first three winners in each of the items.

These programmes were found to be very useful in bringing together students from different parts of the State, helping emotional integration. An amount of Rs. 15,066 was spent on these programmes.

(*c*) *Kavijayanthis* :—Under the scheme of celebration of Kavi Jayanthis, eight great personalities *viz.*, Valmiki, Vyasa, Pampa, Thyagaraja, Sarvagna, Kanakadasa, Jesus Christ and Mohammed Pygamber were selected and pamphlets containing their life histories and teachings were got printed and supplied to all the Secondary Schools in the State who observe the Jayanthis of these great personalities Lectures by eminent Scholars were arranged at different places. An amount of Rs. 11,512-55 was spent on this programme during the year under report.

(*d*) *Lectures on Karnatak Parampare* :—A scheme for conducting intensive campaign on the culture of Karnataka was sanctioned by Government and a series of these lectures on different cultural subjects on Karnataka were organised at 14 centres in different Districts and 55 Lectures in all were delivered. An amount of Rs. 7,313-66 was spent on this scheme.

(*e*) *Kavya Vachana* :—This programme of Kavya Vachana was intensified to cover all the Districts. The State Committee appointed for audition of Gamakis conducted an audition for Gamakis at 14 different places and selected 162 Gamakis and 20 commentators out of 420 persons who gave audition. The selected Gamakis were invited to give Kavya Vachana performances in different parts of the State during the year under report.

(*f*) *Kavi Sammelana* :—Kavi Sammelana for 1971 was organised at Mysore during the Dasara festivities. Fourteen reputed poets participated in the Kavi Sammelana and read their compositions in different languages *viz*; Sanskrit, Kannada, Tamil, Hindi, Urdu and Marathi. This Sammelana was presided over by the eminent Kannada poet Sri. P. T. Narasimhachar.

4. Special Projects

The project of translating 3 volumes of "Who is Who in Freedom Struggle in Karnataka" was undertaken during the year under report.

Centenary Celebrations of Sri. Aurobindo :—Government constituted the State Advisory Committee for celebration of the Birth Centenary of Sri Aurobindo in the State with the Governor of Mysore as President and the Deputy Director of Literary and Cultural Development as Convenor. The programmes of the Centenary celebrations were planned under the auspices of this committee. Two books in Kannada on Aurobindo were proposed to be brought out and one book by Sri. K. Channabasappa was released for distribution. Folders outlining the programmes of the Centenary Celebrations were printed.

The total expenditure incurred on the Unit office of the Deputy Director of Literary and Cultural Development for the year 1971-72 amounted to Rs. 2,92,956 as against the budget provision of Rs. 4,08, 000.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

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